

to approximate routes and mileages thereof which should be included in such system within those States.

TESTS TO DETERMINE MAXIMUM DESIRABLE
DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS FOR VEHICLES

Section 108(k) of act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title I, 70 Stat. 381, as amended by Pub. L. 85-823, § 2, Aug. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 983, directed the Secretary of Commerce to take all action possible to expedite the conduct of a series of tests planned or conducted by the Highway Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads, the several States, and other persons and organizations, for the purpose of determining the maximum desirable dimensions and weights for vehicles operated on the Federal-aid highway systems, including the Interstate System, and, after the conclusion of such tests, but not later than January 3, 1961, to make recommendations to the Congress with respect to such maximum desirable dimensions and weights.

INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO ASSURE AN EQUITABLE
DISTRIBUTION OF THE TAX BURDEN

Section 210 of act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, 70 Stat. 401, as amended by Pub. L. 85-823, § 1, Aug. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 983, directed Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with other Federal officers and agencies (particularly Interstate Commerce Commission) and with State highway departments, to make a study and investigation of effects on design, construction, and maintenance of Federal-aid highways of (A) use of vehicles of different dimensions, weights, and other specifications, and (B) frequency of occurrences of such vehicles in traffic stream, the proportionate share of design, construction, and maintenance costs of the Federal-aid highways attributable to each class of persons using such highways and the benefits derived from use of such highways, and any direct and indirect benefits accruing to any class which derives benefits from Federal-aid highways, in addition to benefits from actual use of such highways, which are attributable to public expenditures for such highways and required final report to be made no later than Jan. 3, 1961.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 103, 104, 115, 135, 144, 151, 157 of this title; title 49 sections 111, 41714.

§ 308. Cooperation with Federal and State agencies and foreign countries

(a) The Secretary is authorized to perform by contract or otherwise, authorized engineering or other services in connection with the survey, construction, maintenance, or improvement of highways for other Government agencies, cooperating foreign countries, and State cooperating agencies, and reimbursement for such services, which may include depreciation on engineering and roadbuilding equipment used, shall be credited to the appropriation concerned.

(b) Appropriations for the work of the Federal Highway Administration shall be available for expenses of warehouse maintenance and the procurement, care, and handling of supplies, materials, and equipment for distribution of projects under the supervision of the Federal Highway Administration, or for sale or distribution to other Government agencies, cooperating foreign countries, and State cooperating agencies, and the cost of such supplies and materials or the value of such equipment, including the cost of transportation and handling, may be reimbursed to current applicable appropriations.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, § 152(5), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)

AMENDMENTS

1973—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-87 substituted “Federal Highway Administration” for “Bureau of Public Roads” in two places.

§ 309. Cooperation with other American Republics

The President is authorized to utilize the services of the Federal Highway Administration in fulfilling the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Pan-American Highway Between the United States and Other American Republics (51 Stat. 152), cooperating with several governments, members of the Organization of American States, in connection with the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway, and for performing engineering service in the other American Republics for and upon the request of any agency or governmental corporation of the United States. To the extent authorized in appropriation acts, administrative funds available in accordance with subsection (a) of section 104 of this title shall be available annually for the purpose of this section.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, § 152(5), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)

AMENDMENTS

1973—Pub. L. 93-87 substituted “Federal Highway Administration” for “Bureau of Public Roads”.

PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY STUDY

Pub. L. 104-59, title III, § 359(a), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 626, provided that:

“(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study on the adequacy of and the need for improvements to the Pan American Highway.

“(2) ELEMENTS.—The study shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

“(A) Findings on the benefits of constructing a highway at Darien Gap, Panama and Colombia.

“(B) Recommendations for a self-financing arrangement for completion and maintenance of the Pan American Highway.

“(C) Recommendations for establishing a Pan American highway authority to monitor financing, construction, maintenance, and operations of the Pan American Highway.

“(D) Findings on the benefits to trade and prosperity of a more efficient Pan American Highway.

“(E) Findings on the benefits to United States industry resulting from the use of United States technology and equipment in construction of improvements to the Pan American Highway.

“(F) Findings on environmental considerations, including environmental considerations relating to Darien Gap.

“(3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1995], the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a report on the results of the study.”

§ 310. Civil defense

In order to assure that adequate consideration is given to civil defense aspects in the planning and construction of highways constructed or reconstructed with the aid of Federal funds, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized and directed to consult, from time to time, with the Federal Civil Defense Administrator relative to the civil defense aspects of highways so constructed or reconstructed.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, § 152(3), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)